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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2001 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2001 should be the representative of a member of the African States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 29 January 2001 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and with other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

The Council, at its substantive session of 2000, decided to defer consideration of this question (agenda item 8) to its resumed substantive session of 2000. The Council did not consider the item at its resumed session.

Tenth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

By its decision 2000/232, the Council approved the holding of the Tenth Meeting of the Group of Experts in New York in the first half of 2001; however, the Group of Experts has requested a change of venue to Geneva and a change of dates to 10 to 14 September 2001.

Fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

By its decision 2000/204, the Council approved the holding of the fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in Geneva from 21 to 25 May 2001; however, a request has been made to change the dates to 28 May to 1 June 2001.

Recommendations made by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development at its second session

The Council's attention is drawn to the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session.

Documentation

Extract from the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (E/2001/L.1)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2001 and 2002 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. At its organizational session for 1999, the Council decided, in its decision 1999/208, to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 1999. The Council may wish to follow a similar procedure for its humanitarian affairs segment in 2001.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Global Code of Ethics for Tourism

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General has proposed the inclusion under item 13 of the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2001 (Economic and environmental questions) of an additional sub-item entitled "Global Code of Ethics for Tourism".

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work for the Council for 2001 and 2002 (E/2001/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism (E/2001/3)

4. Elections, nominations and confirmations

The Council will hold elections to fill postponed vacancies in its subsidiary bodies. The Council will also confirm the representatives on functional commissions of the Council nominated by Governments since the close of the resumed substantive session of 2000.

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Council will be called upon to endorse the recommendations of the Secretary-General on the membership of the reconfigured Committee.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2001

	Term expires on 31 December
Andorra	2003
Angola	2002
Argentina	2003
Austria	2002
Bahrain	2002
Benin	2002
Bolivia	2001
Brazil	2003
Bulgaria	2001
Burkina Faso	2002
Cameroon	2002
Canada	2001
China	2001
Costa Rica	2002
Croatia	2002
Cuba	2002
Czech Republic	2001
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2001
Denmark	2001
Egypt	2003
Ethiopia	2003
Fiji	2002
France	2002
Georgia	2003
Germany	2002
Guinea-Bissau	2001
Honduras	2001
Indonesia	2001
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2003
Italy	2003
Japan	2002
Malta	2002
Mexico	2002
Morocco	2001
Nepal	2003
Netherlands	2003
Nigeria	2003

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Norway	2001
Pakistan	2003
Peru	2003
Portugal	2002
Republic of Korea	2003
Romania	2003
Russian Federation	2001
Rwanda	2001
Saudi Arabia	2001
South Africa	2003
Sudan	2002
Suriname	2002
Syrian Arab Republic	2001
Uganda	2003
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2001
United States of America	2003
Venezuela	2001